

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 770

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Hostelling International USA on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and to celebrate 100 years of the hostelling movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1934 as American Youth Hostels, Hostelling International USA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping everyone, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling; and

**WHEREAS**, Hostelling International USA operates or licenses 70 hostels throughout the country, which hosted one million visits in the last year alone; it is part of a network of 4,000 hostels in 75 countries worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, This outstanding organization offers a wide range of educational programs for travelers through its hostels and regional councils, focusing on responsible travel, cultural awareness, environmental stewardship, and global citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, To commemorate this auspicious occasion, the Southern Region and the Bluebonnet Council of Hostelling International USA are holding an anniversary celebration on May 30, 2009, at the Montrose Public Library in Houston; it is truly fitting that the practice of hostelling be celebrated for its many contributions to cooperation and understanding throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Hostelling International USA on its exemplary efforts to advance understanding and cultural awareness through the custom of hostelling and extend best wishes for a memorable 75th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate